

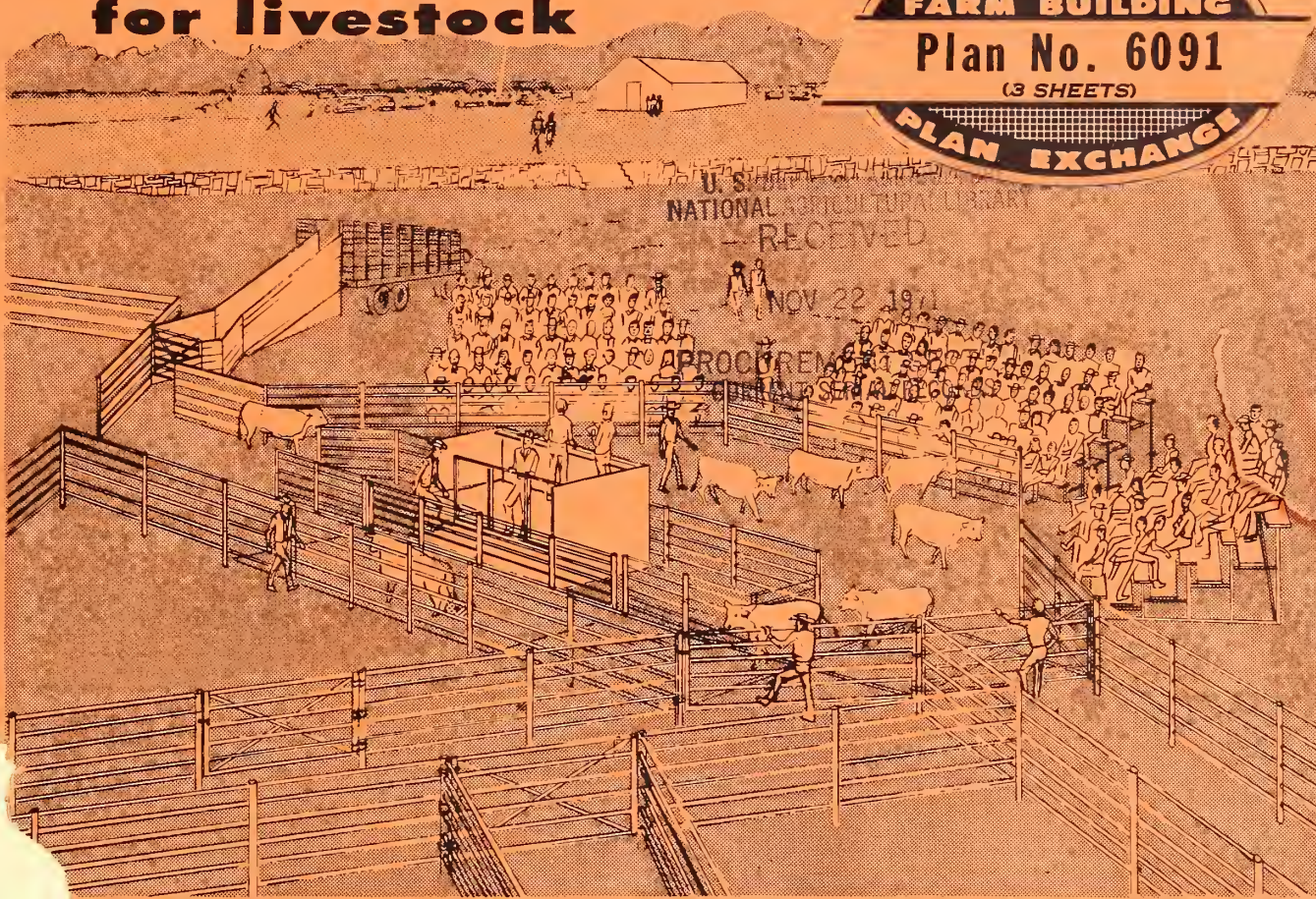
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AUCTION YARD for livestock



Building an auction yard for livestock offers many advantages for cattle associations, ranchers, buyers, and the animals. It encourages buyers to visit remote cattle-raising areas. An auction yard can save time, travel, and inconvenience to ranchers and reduce cattle-hauling expenses. Ranchers' auctions are generally held once or twice a year. One to three days before auction, the cattle are trucked to the auction pens. At slight cost for hay and feeding, the cattle regain some of the weight lost during loading, hauling, and unloading.

To be successful, an auction requires good public relations and long-term planning. Auction costs include advertising, auctioneer fees, hay and feeding, inspection fees, reserve funds, and yardage. Expenses are usually met through ranchers' subscriptions. Marketing costs, however, are offset by higher prices from competition among buyers and by reduced transportation and feeding expenses.

A complete auction yard includes corrals, feeding facilities, loading chutes, sales rings, scales, and a water system. The plan shown features all of these items arranged in wedge shape to resemble a flattened V. Space has been provided for three grandstands, an arena, scales, water tanks, and special pens for yearlings. This design, developed by an Extension Service livestock specialist at the University of Arizona, includes roofing over the arena and scales, if desired.

Complete working drawings may be obtained from the extension agricultural engineer at your State university. There may be a small charge to cover cost of printing.

If you do not know the location of your State university, send your request to Agricultural Engineer, Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. He will forward your request to the correct university. ORDER PLAN No. 6091, AUCTION YARD FOR LIVESTOCK.

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